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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005, the term for response to which expires on March 15, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-12 and 16-30 are canceled, and claims 13-15 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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